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For: RECOMBINANT BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE HUMAN ZONA PELLUCIDA
PROTEIN 3 (hZP 3) TO TEST MAIL FERTILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the January 15, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 15, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due April 15, 2002. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time is Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). A check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, the Office Action is now due June 15, 2002, and since June 15 is a Saturday and the response is due the next business day, i.e. June 17, 2002. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.

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